

II. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An air-bag, ~~the air-bag~~ being formed from a single element of a laminar material, the element defining a central polygonal region having at least four linear ~~linear~~ side edges, and having a shape and configuration equivalent to that of the air-bag when inflated, ~~each the side edge edges~~ of the central polygonal region carrying a protruding flap including upper and lower flaps and at least two side flaps, there being at least one infill ~~elements~~ element defined between flaps protruding from adjacent said side edges; the side flaps and the upper and lower flaps, the side flaps and the upper and lower flaps being inwardly folded to overlie the central polygonal region and at least partially to overlie each other, ~~each the~~ infill element lying between two respective inwardly folded adjacent of the side flaps or the upper and lower flaps, the flaps being secured to form ~~an air-tight the~~ air-bag.

2. (Original) An air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein at least part of the element defines an aperture to receive a gas generator.

3. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according to Claim 2 wherein a reinforcement is provided around the aperture.

4. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims wherein said~~ Claim 1 wherein the polygonal region has four ~~linear~~ of the side edges which are generally linear.

5. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according to Claim 4 wherein two opposed edges of ~~said~~ the central polygonal region ~~each carry an~~ the opposed upper and lower flap flaps, each of ~~said~~ the opposed upper and lower flaps having side edges co-aligned with the ~~other~~ side edges of the central polygonal region, the two ~~opposed upper and lower~~ flaps having a combined area which is greater than the area of the ~~said~~ central polygonal region.

6. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according to Claim 5 wherein ~~said~~ the ~~other~~ side edges of the central polygonal region each carry a respective one of the side flap flaps, the side flaps of substantially rectangular form.

7. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according to Claim 6 wherein one of ~~said~~ the two opposed upper and lower flaps is provided with at least two of first strips of adhesive adjacent the side edges thereof, ~~that~~ one of the upper or the lower flap flaps being first folded-in; and the other of the ~~two opposed upper and the lower~~ flaps is provided with one or more second strips of adhesive adjacent the side edges thereof and adjacent a free edge thereof, ~~that being the second flap folded in~~; and the ~~other~~ side flaps and the associated infill elements are provided with one or more third strips of adhesive, ~~those flaps being the last folded in~~.

8. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~ Claim 1 wherein ~~each said~~ at least one of the infill element ~~elements~~ is of triangular form.

9. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~ Claim 1 wherein the upper and lower flaps and the side flaps are secured by means of adhesive.

10. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~ Claim 1 in the form of a knee protection air-bag in a motor vehicle.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of making an air-bag, the method comprising the steps of taking an element of laminar material, the element defining a square or rectangular central region, two opposed side edges of ~~said the square or rectangular central~~ central region carrying inwardly respective foldable first and second flaps, the ~~said first and second~~ first and second inwardly foldable flaps having a combined area greater than the area of the ~~square or rectangular region; central region~~, two further opposed side edges of the ~~square or rectangular central~~ central region having further inwardly foldable side flaps, there being infill elements between ~~the side edges of each of the adjacent flaps; flaps~~, ~~the method comprising the steps of~~ applying adhesive to the first ~~said~~ inwardly foldable flap adjacent two side edges of ~~said the~~ first inwardly foldable flap, and folding ~~that the first~~ the first flap inwardly to overlie the square or rectangular central region, applying adhesive to the second ~~said~~ inwardly foldable flap adjacent two opposed side edges and ~~the a~~ a free edge of ~~said the~~ the second

inwardly foldable flap, and folding said ~~the~~ second inwardly foldable flap inwardly so that the adhesive secures the second flap to part of the ~~square or rectangular~~ central region and also part of the first inwardly folded ~~flap~~; flap, and finally applying adhesive to the further inwardly foldable side flaps and the infill elements, and folding the ~~further inwardly foldable~~ side flaps and infill elements inwardly to overly the central region.